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In re the Application of: **TANAAMI, Takeo et al.**

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED July 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: August 26, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **July 30, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-7, 10 and 11; and Group (II), Claims 8 and 9; Group (III), Claims 12-15; Group (IV), Claim 16.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

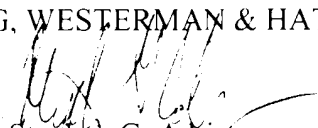
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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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